

REMARKS

Claims 1-69 were pending in the present application prior to this Amendment. In the present Amendment, claims 27-69 are canceled above as being drawn to a non-elected invention. In addition, claim 14 is cancelled above. Claims 1-7, 13, 15-18, and 20-26 are amended above. New claims 70-91 are added above. Entry of the amended claims and new claims is respectfully requested.

The drawings are objected to for lack of a "Prior Art" legend in Figures 1 and 2. These Figures are amended above to include such a legend. Entry of the amendment and removal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for reasons stated in the Office Action. The claims are amended above in a manner that is believed to address and resolve the rejections. Entry of the amendments and removal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The Applicant further notes that receipt of the Information Disclosure Statements filed December 15, 2003 and April 14, 2004 have not yet been acknowledged in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of the submitted documents be included with the next official paper transmitted by the Office as confirmation of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statements, and as confirmation of consideration of the listed references.

The Applicant further notes, with appreciation, that the Office Action indicates at page 3, that claims 5 and 14-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of former claims 1 and 14. New independent claim 70 is added above to include the limitations of former claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 in independent form. New dependent claims 71-91 include the limitations of former dependent claims 3 and 6-25. Entry and allowance of the newly added claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-13, and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Du, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,185). This rejection is no longer believed to be applicable in view of the amendments made to claim 1 above. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Closing Remarks

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIGs 1 and 2. This sheet, which includes FIGs. 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet. In FIGs. 1 and 2, the legend "Prior Art" is added.

A marked-up version of the drawings, with revisions shown in red, is included with the amended drawings. Entry of the amended drawings is respectfully requested.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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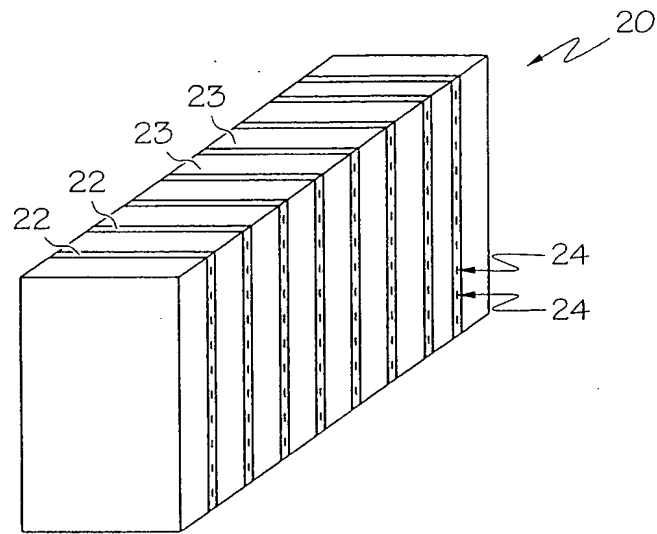


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

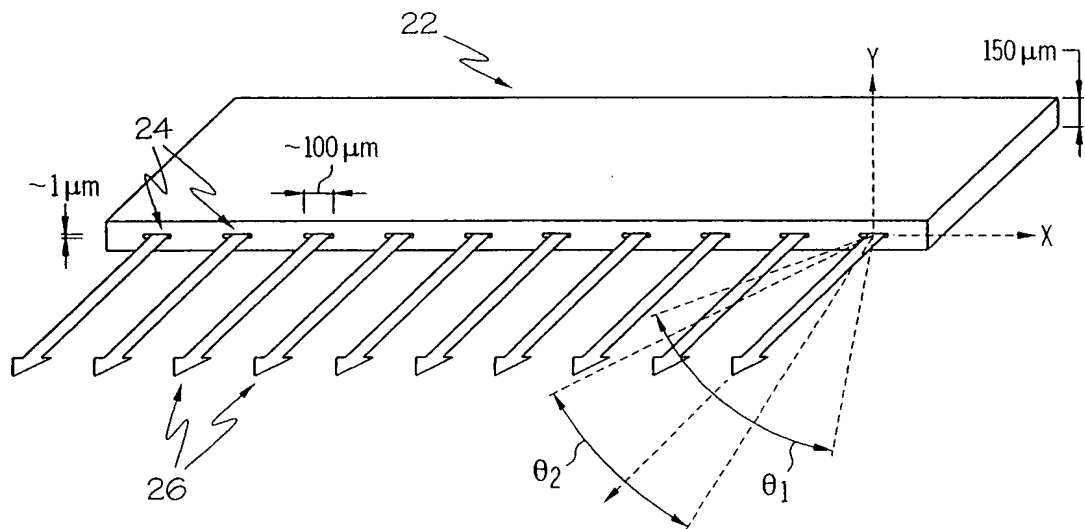


FIG. 2
(PRIOR ART)